OVERVIEW
During the 2021-2022 school year, Oregon preschool enrolled 10,009 children, an increase of 1,014 from the prior year, as the program began to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. State spending totaled $135,009,596 down $26,018,407 (16%), adjusted for inflation since last year. State spending per child equaled $13,489 in 2021-2022, down $4,413 from 2020-2021, adjusted for inflation. Oregon met an average of 6.9 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT’S NEW
In 2021, Senate Bill 5513 was passed, which included Policy Option Package 402, which expanded the state’s three early learning programs: Preschool Promise, Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK), and Healthy Families Oregon. This package included $68 million in additional funds for the 2021-2022 school year, which added 2,516 slots to Preschool Promise, converted 1,400 part-day slots to full-day slots in OPK, added 265 slots to Oregon Pre-Kindergarten Prenatal to Three, and served an additional 100 families in Healthy Families Oregon.

Additionally, on July 1, 2023, the Oregon Early Learning Division (ELD), which oversees OPK and Preschool Promise, will transition out of the Department of Education and become its own department, the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC). There are many anticipated benefits from this shift, including a new procurement and data analytics unit for more efficient public funding processes, improved alignment with subsidy-based child care initiatives, increased capacity for data management and analysis, and more robust internal staffing to support public programming.

BACKGROUND
Oregon has two state-funded preschool programs: the Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK) program, established in 1987, and Preschool Promise, launched in 2016. OPK and Preschool Promise are both currently overseen by the Oregon Department of Education’s Early Learning Division.

OPK provides comprehensive child and family development services for 3- and 4-year-old children from low-income families through a state-federal partnership between the Oregon Department of Education and Region X Office of Head Start. OPK is funded using the state general fund to serve additional Head Start-eligible children. Funding is awarded through a competitive process to all grantees. OPK includes Region X, Region XI, and Region XII Head Starts, and, even though most of the funding goes to Head Start grantees, there are six non-affiliated organizations that receive OPK funding. OPK programs must follow federal Head Start Performance Standards and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework. Eligibility for OPK also follows federal Head Start requirements.

Preschool Promise is a mixed-delivery program for children from families with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). While funding for Preschool Promise was initially administered through Early Learning Hubs, public schools, child care centers, family child care homes, Head Start, Relief Nurseries, Education Service Districts, and other community-based organizations now receive grants directly from the Early Learning Division. Preschool Promise programs are required to participate in Spark, Oregon’s quality rating and improvement system.

Both OPK and Preschool Promise employ two sets of early learning standards: The Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework and the Oregon Early Learning and Kindergarten Guidelines, which are aligned with the Common Core State Standards for K–12.

Oregon’s overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for both OPK and Preschool Promise, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses solely on the OPK program, and the fourth page provides information on Preschool Promise.
OREGON STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment................................................... 10,009
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ......................... 5,923
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ....... 5,897
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .............. 6,442

RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending .................................................. $135,009,596
State Head Start spending .................................................. $111,385,779
State spending per child enrolled .......................................... $13,489
All reported spending per child enrolled* ........................... $13,489

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

- 3-YEAR-OLDS
  - Pre-K: 9%
  - Head Start†: 7%
  - Special Ed‡: 3%
  - Other/None: 81%

- 4-YEAR-OLDS
  - Pre-K: 13%
  - Head Start†: 4%
  - Special Ed‡: 7%
  - Other/None: 76%

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

- PRE-K*: $13,489
- HDST†: $17,455
- K–12‡: $18,717

RESOURCES
- State contributions
- Federal contributions
- Federal COVID-19 relief spending
- Local contributions
- TANF spending

* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
† Estimates children in Head Start not also enrolled in state pre-K.
‡ Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

ACCESS RANKINGS
4-YEAR-OLDS: 34
3-YEAR-OLDS: 13

RE resource RANKINGS
STATE SPENDING: 3
ALL REPORTED SPENDING: 3

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET: 69
OREGON PRE-KINDERGARTEN (OPK)

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ..................................................... 6,442
School districts that offer state program........................................ 100% (counties/parishes)
Income requirement ............................................................. 100% FPL
Minimum hours of operation .................................................. 3.5 hours/day
Operating schedule ............................................................. Determined locally

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

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RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending ..................................................... $92,139,306
Local match required? ............................................................ No
State spending per child enrolled .......................................... $14,303
All reported spending per child enrolled* ................................ $14,303

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† Head Start per-child spending includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds.
‡ K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

RESOURCES

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

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OREGON PRESCHOOL PROMISE

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ..................................................... 3,567
School districts that offer state program .................................. 100% (Early Learning Hub Regions)
Income requirement ............................................................ 200% FPL
Minimum hours of operation ................................................. Determined locally
Operating schedule ......................................................... School or academic year

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

3-YEAR-OLDS
- 6%
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RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending ............................................. $42,870,290
Local match required? .................................................. No
State spending per child enrolled .................................. $12,019
All reported spending per child enrolled* ...................... $12,019

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